

## **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on 2 August 2006. Herewith Applicants amend claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19-21, 23, 25, 32-34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 43, 46, and 47, cancel claims 1, 5, 16, 31, and 35, and add no new claims. Claims 2-4, 30, and 32-34 are indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome allegedly indefinite verbiage. Thus, following entry of the instant Response claims 2-4, 6-15, 17-30, 32-34, and 36-47 are pending examination on the merits.

Entry and favorable consideration of the amendments and remarks presented herewith is respectfully requested.

The objections and rejections noted in the Office Action are hereby responded to as follows:

### **Objections to Drawings**

Objections to the drawings were lodged because FIGS. 1-3 allegedly did not include plain and legible reference numerals. Herewith Applicants tender a new set of (replacement) drawings intended to successfully resolve the objections.

### **Claim Objections**

Claims 8, 9, 13-15, 17-19, 23, 24, 28, 29, 38, 39, and 43-47 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Herewith Applicants amend all pending claims so they depend, directly or indirectly, from an allowable claim.

**Claim Rejections**

Since Applicants have elected to amend all presently pending claims to depend from claims previously indicated as allowed or allowable, no substantive response to the rejections of certain claims is required.

Applicants respectfully suggest that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in due course so that the claimed invention can pass to timely issuance as U.S. Letters Patent.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding the instant application and this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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